

Proclamation 6078 of November 27, 1989

## National Alzheimer's Disease Month, 1989 and 1990

*By the President of the United States of America*

### *A Proclamation*

At medical facilities and research institutions across the country, dedicated scientists are piecing together the puzzle of Alzheimer's disease. Alzheimer's disease is a living nightmare for the millions of older Americans who suffer from it. The disease robs its victims of their memory and judgment, their health, their independence, and, eventually, their lives.

Research has taught us many things about Alzheimer's disease that we did not know just one decade ago. More physicians now recognize the illness, and they know how to treat some of the problems it causes. Unfortunately, however, physicians and scientists do not yet know how to cure the disease or stop it from progressing. We do know that continued research is vital.

At the forefront of scientific research on Alzheimer's disease is the Federal Government's National Institute on Aging. The National Institute on Aging, along with other government agencies and private voluntary organizations such as the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association, is working to advance our knowledge about this tragic disease.

Scientific research has yielded a number of promising leads, and it holds the ultimate hope for the victims of Alzheimer's disease and their families. Nevertheless, until a cure is found, there is much that can be done to improve care and alleviate the emotional stress this disease imposes on families. The knowledge that has been acquired about effective treatment programs and care strategies needs to be shared with both professional and family caregivers. Continued efforts must be made to coordinate the many local, State, and Federal programs involving Alzheimer's disease and to get needed information into the hands of health and social service professionals who serve Alzheimer patients and their families. Only through a concerted effort can we ensure that the victims of this disease receive the highest quality care.

To enhance public awareness of Alzheimer's disease, the Congress, by Senate Joint Resolution 16, has designated the months of November 1989 and 1990 as "National Alzheimer's Disease Month" and has authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of these months.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE BUSH, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the months of November 1989 and 1990 as National Alzheimer's Disease Month and call upon the people of the United States to observe these months with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-seventh day of November, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and

eighty-nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fourteenth.

GEORGE BUSH

**Proclamation 6079 of November 27, 1989**

**National Home Care Week, 1989 and 1990**

*By the President of the United States of America*

*A Proclamation*

Throughout the United States, dedicated professionals and volunteers working in more than 12,000 home health care agencies are bringing needed medical services to millions of ill and disabled Americans. This week, as we recognize these hardworking men and women for their efforts, we also acknowledge the important role that home care plays in our Nation's health care system.

When appropriate, home care is more than an effective and economical alternative to institutionalization. For the patient, it can bring the added comfort and reassurance of a warm, familiar environment. Home care not only emphasizes the dignity and independence of the patient, but also alleviates the suffering caused by separation from loved ones. In the home, a patient is able to obtain treatment while enjoying the love and support of his or her family.

Working in concert with government agencies and concerned organizations, home health care providers give millions of ill and disabled Americans a welcome alternative to hospitalization and other institutionalized forms of care. During National Home Care Week, we recognize the benefits of this important partnership.

To increase public awareness and support for our Nation's home health care service providers, the Congress, by Senate Joint Resolution 184, has designated the weeks beginning November 26, 1989, and November 25, 1990, as "National Home Care Week" and has requested the President to issue a proclamation calling for appropriate observances of these weeks.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE BUSH, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim November 26 through December 2, 1989, and November 25 through December 1, 1990, as National Home Care Week. I urge all concerned government officials, health care and social service providers, private voluntary organizations, insurance companies, and the American public to observe these weeks with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-seventh day of November, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fourteenth.

GEORGE BUSH